

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 71 and amend claims 57-64 and 66-69 as follows. Claims 56-70 remain in this application.

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1                    56.    (Unamended) A locking system comprising:  
2                    a portable electronic computer having an external wall defining a security slot;  
3                    a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion  
4 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected  
5 dimensions of said security slot which thereby permits said locking member to extend into said  
6 security slot;  
7                    said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position  
8 wherein said locking member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position  
9 wherein said locking member is retained within said security slot;  
10                   a pin cooperatively coupled to said slot engagement member after said slot  
11 engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot  
12 engagement member to said unlocked position;  
13                   cable attachment means, coupled to said housing, for attaching a cable to said  
14 housing; and  
15                   a cable, coupled to said cable attachment means, for securing said portable  
16 electronic computer to an object other than to said housing.

1                    57.    (Amended) The system of claim 56 wherein said pin includes a first  
2 threaded portion, complementary to a second threaded portion in an aperture in said housing.

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1                    58.    (Amended) The system of claim 56 wherein said pin cooperates by  
2 extending into said security slot.

1                    59.    (Amended) The system of claim 56 wherein a first side of said housing  
2 abuts said external wall, and  
3                    wherein said housing includes a cavity and a second side opposite said first side  
4 that is open to access said cavity wherein said pin is insertable through said second side and  
5 into said cavity to cooperate with said slot engagement member to inhibit said rotation.

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1                   60. (Amended) The system of claim 59 wherein said pin includes a first  
2 threaded portion complementary to a second threaded portion in an aperture in said first side of  
3 said housing.

1                   61. (Amended) The system of claim 56 wherein said housing includes  
2 sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalls include opposing apertures to  
3 permit said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with said slot  
4 engagement member to inhibit removal of said pin from said security slot.

1                   62. (Amended) The system of claim 59 further comprising a locking  
2 structure adapted for insertion into said cavity, said locking structure incorporating said pin at a  
3 first end such that insertion of said locking structure into said cavity cooperates said pin with  
4 said slot engagement member through an aperture in said first side.

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1                   63. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 62 wherein said housing includes  
2 sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said sidewalls include apertures and a  
3 second end of said spindle includes a transverse aperture collinear with said  
4 opposing apertures in said sidewalls, said opposing apertures and said transverse apertures  
5 permitting said cable to extend therethrough after cooperation of said pin with said slot  
6 engagement member to inhibit uncooperation of said pin and said slot engagement member.

1                   64. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 56 wherein said preselected  
2 dimensions are about three millimeters by about seven millimeters.

1                   65. (Unamended) A locking system, comprising:  
2 a portable electronic device including an exterior wall defining a security slot;  
3 location fixing means for attaching to a first object other than to the portable  
4 electronic device;  
5 a housing, coupled to said location fixing means and proximate to said  
6 electronic device and including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion  
7 provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to preselected  
8 dimensions of said security slot to thereby permit said locking member to extend into said slot,

9 said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said  
10 locking member is removable from the slot, and a locked position wherein  
11 locking member is retained within the slot; and  
12 a pin, coupled said engagement member, for cooperating with said slot  
13 engagement member when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby  
14 inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position.

1 66. (Amended) The system of claim 65 wherein said preselected dimensions  
2 are about three millimeters by about seven millimeters.

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1 67. (Amended) The system of claim 56 wherein said locking member is "T-  
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1 68. (Amended) The system of claim 65 wherein said locking member is "T-  
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1 69. (Amended) The system of claim 65 wherein said pin cooperates by  
2 extending into said security slot.

1 70. (Unamended) A cable-attachment system, comprising:  
2 a portable computer including an exterior wall provided with a security slot  
3 having dimensions of about three millimeters by about seven millimeters;  
4 a locking structure, coupled to said cable, for attaching to said security slot, said  
5 locking structure comprising:  
6 a housing, adapted to abut said wall adjacent said security slot,  
7 said housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging  
8 portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile complementary to said  
9 security slot to permit said locking member to extend into said security slot, said slot  
10 engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking  
11 member is removable from said security slot, and a locked position wherein said locking  
12 member is retained within said security slot; and  
13 a pin coupled through said housing adjacent to said slot engagement member  
14 and cooperating with said slot engagement member after said slot engagement member is in